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SEOUL—A SOUTH-EASTERN PROVINCE in South Korea has leased 94,000 hectares of land in Mindoro to grow 15,000 tons of corn a year for the 25 years, a provincial government official said on Tuesday.

And the South Korean province wants to lease more land in its efforts to cut costs.

In Manila, however, agricultural off-

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Palace backtracks on issuing EO on cheaper medicines

By Christine V. Espinosa and DJ Yap

THE RATTLE AGAINST MULTINATIONAL drug companies and their exorbitant prices is far from over.

Making way yesterday said President Macapagal-Arroyo would first take into account keeping foreign in-

vestments and ensuring public access to cheaper drugs before ordering a price ceiling for essential medicines.

"The implications for economic health go beyond just the issue of cheaper medicines at hand," Gary Oliver, deputy presidential spokesperson, told reporters yesterday.

The Palace was apparently back-

tracking on its tough position on Tuesday that Mr. Arroyo was set to sign the executive order imposing maximum retail prices (MRPs) by next week.

Oliver said Mr. Arroyo was giving drug companies until July 28—or 10 days after she met with them in Malacañang—to come up with a "satisfactory" proposal to reduce their prices.

"If the drug companies do not come out with a response, the doctor will have to pay more for the drugs at their point to go along with the maximum price ceiling regime," Oliver said.

He said a price adjustment of a few centavos would not make much of a difference. "Certainly, we would expect and we would want to see the

maximum welfare being given for our countrymen," he said.

The Cheaper Medicines Act of 2008 seeks to increase people's access to cheaper drugs by imposing an MRP on 22 essential medicines and by introducing competition through the parallel importation of lower-priced medicines.

PHILIPS

Abu amnesty slammed

SWS: GMA satisfaction rating still dropping

DISSENTION WITH PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo's performance intensified among Filipino adults in Luzon, outside Metro Manila, a Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey conducted from June 14 to 22 showed.

Ms. Arroyo's satisfaction rating in the rest of Luzon dropped from 29 percent in February to 23 percent last month. Her disapproval rating rose virtually unchanged, from 34 to 35 percent.

All in all, the President's net rating outside the metropolitan area of the country's main island, worsened from a "good" negative 24 (bounced off) to a "bad" negative 32.

The margin of error for the SWS sample of 800 respondents in the balance of Luzon was plus-or-minus 4 percentage points.

Metro Manila remained highly critical of Ms. Arroyo's performance, with 65 percent of respondents dissatisfied and 29 percent satisfied, for a "bad" net rating of negative 46.

She received a similar rating in February 08 percent dissatisfied.

SWS, SWS, SWS

26 Pinoy nurses lose racial bias case in NY

GARDEN CITY, NEW YORK—The discrimination claims filed by 26 Filipino nurses and physical therapists in New York have been rejected by a US federal judge.

In their suit, the health workers said they were forced to quit their jobs at nursing homes in New York City and suburban Long Island, and that agreements made about working conditions before they left the Philippines were not honored by their US employers.

On June 30, an administrative law judge ruled that the regulations were not protected by federal immigration employment laws.

The immigration lawyer of the health workers said he was dis-

SA PUNCH



INA SUPPORTING ROLE President Arroyo speaks to President Arafat during the two-day, 15th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit at the Red Sea resort city of Sharm El Sheikh on behalf of Asian leaders. At left is Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo. In her address, Ms. Arroyo urged the 109 world leaders present, "to speak as one" to lead divisions in international relations, "giving just recognition to differentiated approaches." Toward the end, the Philippines will host the first NAM meeting on interfaith dialogue for peace here in December. (Story on Page A2)

Dev't key to end conflict, says MNLF exec

By Arjo Dela Cruz

Correspondent-at-large

RENDERING IS OUT: PEACE IS

Abu Amr Tufail, political officer of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), said

he had talked with two top Abu Sayyaf leaders—Badakh Salim and Abu Jundali—and was certain that the three, warlord was out of the picture.

Tufail, however, said that the 1996 peace agreement between the government and the MNLF would help end the reign of terror in areas in Sulu that the Abu Sayyaf controlled.

"They will not surrender and the amnesty that the government is saying, it's already in the peace agreement that was

signed during the time of former President Fidel Ramos," Tufail said.

Tufail said Salim and Jundali expressed interest in the livelihood and economic provision of the 1996 peace

agreement.

However, the presidential adviser on Mindanao who is in Indonesia for a meeting on the East Asian Growth Area, said that he would not recommend such a proposal.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita indicated on Tuesday

EDMUNDO ERMITA

GMA's US trip: Not a state or working visit

By TJ Burgenio

MANACONRANGS, NY: NOT a working visit, President Macapagal-Arroyo's upcoming meeting with US President Barack Obama at the White House is not all that important, a former member of the Arroyo Cabinet claimed yesterday.

And given the short notice given by the US government, it's unlikely that the meeting would be part of a state or working visit for Ms. Arroyo, according to Terence Dela, her former adviser on the peace process.

"It's a very low type of visit,

it's not a state or a working visit. If it were, the preparations would have been made months ago," Dela said the day after the announcement.

Undersecretary Gary Oliver, the President's deputy spokesperson on economic matters, said he had no idea what type of visit it would be, but doubted that it would be a state or a working visit.

"The [relationship with the US] is obviously one of our most important relationships. So if you look at the relationship angle, [the visit] is important. If you look at how much benefit

MANACONRANGS



UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN And it's a well-deserved honeymoon for Eugenio Yago, his wife Rita Kwan and their daughter Letitia who are returning back to his native Tuscany in central Italy. They are scheduled to leave from the Palis on board a KLM flight on Wednesday.

MANACONRANGS

Cory, 'bindi ka nagiisa,' priest reminds

By Fe Zamora

WHAT WAS SAID OF THE murdered Ninoy Aquino then was said of his sibling with one premiss: Bindi ka nagiisa (We're not dead).

"We are with you in your suffering," Fr. Tullio Ignazio said in his homily at the wedding Mass he celebrated for former President Corason Aquino at Rockwell in

Manila City "bindi ka nagiisa."

In the months following Ninoy Aquino's assassination at the then Manila International Airport on Aug. 21, 1983, "bindi ka nagiisa" became the motto of Filipinos who joined the peace movement against the Marcos dictatorship.

It was the people's message to the Marcos regime who died

believing that he was close to his light against the Marcos dictatorship.

The peace movement culminated in the EDSA People Power Revolution in February 1986 that ended two decades of Marcos rule and ousted Corason Aquino as president.

Now 76, the former President has been confined at Makati Medical Center for the last

of age and general weakness since late in 2006. He was diagnosed with cancer in late 2007.

His spokesperson, Doreen Singson, said the former President "has his good days and bad days."

"Despite some discomfort, he is still a 'strongman,'" Singson said.

Since July 1, however, Marcos has been taken care for by the EDSA



A-CORASON WAS IN THE S. SCHOLASTIC'S CARE, THE AREA MASTER OF THE FORMER PRESIDENT CORASON "Cory" AQUINO, CATCHES A BREATH FOR HIS SLOW RECOVERY ON JULY 6, 2009 AT THE ROCKWELL CHAPEL, MAKATI CITY.

Abu amnesty slammed; all-out war vs criminals

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the government was open to Cardinal's proposal.

Not 'they' serious?
"We're serious, but we're not serious," said the president. "We're not serious about the Abu Sayyaf group. We're serious about the government."

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Undersecretary Gary Eban, deputy presidential spokesman, said the United States might not welcome the move.

Legally or well as possible, there was no in the Abu Sayyaf group," he said.

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HAFFY FAMILY At the Mass, before his departure, Vagnis is a portrait of a happy family man. He says he survived 179 days of captivity under extremely hard conditions, including his wife and daughter and the good times they had.

Arrivederci Eugenio: Vagnis fly home to Italy

RECOVERING RAPIDLY LEFT THE Philippines for his native Italy, promising morning, three days after his release from his months of captivity by Abu Sayyaf.

The spokesman of the International Committee of the Red Cross, together with his wife, Elena, and two children, arrived in London, took off in a KLM Royal Dutch Airlines flight, which left the Ninoy Aquino International Airport at 10:30 a.m.

The 61-year-old Vagnis, who was a gray military pilot, studied at airport employees and as passengers on the Manila airport since his last stay in the plane.

The Italian media quoted Eugenio Vagnis, son of Vagnis's Italian business partner, Marco Vagnis, as saying that a good

was to finally an offshore group.

'Finish the group'

"Many good things are happening here. Having said that, we're given, school buildings, law, equipment, buildings, and many others to address the social issues here, but it is the Abu Sayyaf and these kidnapping cases that are being given attention, so it is a good sign that this group is being finished," he said.

Former Filipino victim Giovanni Limang, a security guard who claims the Abu Sayyaf group is in the Philippines, said he was surprised by the group's proposal.

"The government offered 300 degrees more national police to do this," he said.

"It's a kidnapping for ransom case," he said.

Legally untenable

Italian Judge Francesco Marino said amnesty was a

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Economic development key to end conflict, says MNLF official

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agreement between the MNLF and government.

On the economic situation, he said the people of Sulu, Tawi-tawi, and the four provinces in the south have been

A big step, he said, was the government's fully implement the 1996 peace

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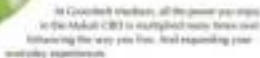
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Business row linked to trader's slay in gas station

By Henry Camajal

A FADING BUSINESS VENTURE could be one of the reasons for the killing of a 58-year-old businessman who died inside his car in a gasoline station in Quezon City on Tuesday afternoon, the victims' widow said after the inquest yesterday.

"My daughter loved her father, always arguing with a business partner over the phone about their common venture," she said. "She loved him very much and was right. He was a man who was not afraid to argue with his partner," she said.

Her husband, Carlos del Rosario, was found dead in his vehicle which was parked at a gas station on Quezon Avenue at around 2 P.M. on Tuesday. He had been driven into the station with a 40 ml. pistol, according to the police.

Police said that the victim was last seen by his wife's car pull into the establishment.

"They saw this park in the area about 1 p.m. They only approached the car after it left because they do not allow long-term parking. That's when they decided to look inside his car and saw blood inside his car and the car," she said.

"The people in the gas station (called) that car but they just

passed because it was coming fast at that time," she said.

According to her, she and her husband were just about to leave for the United States after having completed their annual medical checkups.

Chief Insp. Benjamin Elmado, head of the QCPO criminal investigation unit, said that they would summon all the victim's business partners for questioning.

"We had business partners who supports unless they can show proof that they had nothing to do with his death," he said.

The police said the victim owned commercial firms and a convenience store that opened several retail centers in Quezon City.

Case officer PDI Joseph Madrid said that they have already ruled out robbery in the victim's death because reports on television news reported, Carlos del Rosario did not have been insured by the couple to obtain a large amount of money before he was killed.

This was corroborated by 181 du who said that records of their bank account showed that no withdrawals were made by the victim before he died.

Madrid said that there was only one transaction made on that day and that was done by the Del Rosario and when he had been insured by the couple to obtain a large amount of money before he was killed.

He added that the victim's death is still being deliberated on by the city council, would provide jobs and additional services for the city government.

"The business was not



A student of Philippine Elementary School in Makati City is checked Wednesday with a criminal suspect for the slay of a prominent business leader inside the school.

Housing units for poor cops set in Taguig

By Henry Camajal

DESCRIBED AS "GODSEND, since we" quaternary building, two four-story buildings will be built in Camp Taguig, Taguig City for policemen who live in slums.

The National Capital Region Police Office (NCRO) and the P130 million project should begin this month or that by July next year, said a report of the police chief, Police Director General Romeo B. Trono, who said the project would be able to move into their new homes, Chief Insp. Roberto Trono, NCRO director.

Trono, with Director Romeo B. Trono, the commander of the Philippine National Police, led the groundbreaking ceremony for the project yesterday morning in front of 130 policemen.

Chief Insp. Roberto Trono, NCRO director.

Pay parking scheme seen as payoff for QC govt

By Henry Camajal

IT'S AN UNPAID TAX.

That was the reaction of Quezon City Mayor Vito Cruz to a proposed parking scheme for businessmen proposed to a measure which would allow the city government to charge motorists who park in private lots "zones of special interest."

The local government has spent millions of pesos for the beautification of sidewalks in front of their stores which they have converted into their parking lots. It's just that the government is not paying for it.

He added that the measure which is still being deliberated on by the city council, would provide jobs and additional services for the city government.

"The business was not

designed. They can see the road played legally in parking lots," he said.

Madrid also said the city government would have to accept to maintain in motion to maintain the parking lots, which could end up being used by local politicians coming to the election next year.

According to the ordinance proposed by Councilor Juan Antonio, motorists would be charged fees ranging from P20 to P100 for the first three hours of parking in selected areas near parks, churches, shopping malls and other places where people gather.

However, the measure has been opposed by a group of businessmen and representatives from academic and religious groups who said it was a tax and not a fee.



A motorcycle rider crashes first aid treatment from paramedics after he collided with a car on Avenida Bonifacio, Quezon City, just outside of Makati.

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Amnesty for the Abus? No way

ALTHOUGH I'VE AGREED with Sen. Richard Gordon on his proposed to give amnesty to all former human rights activists.

Chiefly, Gordon has become a proponent of the bill. But I am not an amnesty supporter. I am a human rights supporter.

Unlike the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), the AbuS group is a human rights group.

I was one of the closest of the AbuS group during the AbuS group's formation. I was one of the closest of the AbuS group during the AbuS group's formation.

Legacy owner Gelo de los Angeles, owner of defuncted many investments of his.

deaths of thousands of people who were killed during the AbuS group's formation.

His alleged partner, Sen. Gordon, has filed the bill.

"I am not an amnesty supporter. I am a human rights supporter."

Although she claims to be a human rights supporter, she is not.

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Dead girl found in suitcase is Palma, says NBI

Manila, July 16

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WHO: Swine flu vaccine won't be ready soon

LONDON—THE WORLD'S TOP HEALTH OFFICIAL said Wednesday a swine flu vaccine would not be readily available for months, undermining national plans for rapid immunization against the accelerating pandemic.

The comments by World Health Organization chief Margaret Chan, at a news conference in Geneva, said a vaccine would not be ready for another two to three months. She added, however, that health officials in Britain and elsewhere would be able to produce small quantities of the vaccine to protect the most vulnerable.

"There is no vaccine that should be available now, in August, but having a vaccine available in the next few months is a better option than having no vaccine at all," she said.

But that doesn't mean a vaccine will be ready in time to deal with the pandemic, she said. The WHO said it expects to have a vaccine ready in the next few months, but it would not be ready to deal with the pandemic. She said that the WHO is working to get a vaccine ready in the next few months, but it would not be ready to deal with the pandemic. She said that the WHO is working to get a vaccine ready in the next few months, but it would not be ready to deal with the pandemic.

Those born before 1918 seen immune to new flu

TORONTO—ONLY THOSE BORN before 1918, therefore, have the special, life-long immunity to the swine flu virus, according to a new study by British scientists and others. The study, published in the journal *PLoS Pathogens*, found that people born before 1918 have a natural immunity to the swine flu virus. The study found that people born before 1918 have a natural immunity to the swine flu virus. The study found that people born before 1918 have a natural immunity to the swine flu virus.

Deposed Honduran leader calls on people to revolt

TEGUCIGALPA (AP)—DEPOSED Honduran leader Manuel Zelaya has called for a popular revolution in his country as he was to be arrested in power after another removal bid in June 2009.

"The Honduran people have the right to sovereignty," said Zelaya, speaking Tuesday in the neighboring Central American country of Guatemala.

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168 killed in Iran plane crash

TEHRAN—A THIRTY-SEVEN jetliner crashed Wednesday on its way to neighboring Armenia and all 168 people on board were killed, Iranian news reported.

The crash killed 168 people, including 150 Iranian citizens, 15 Armenian citizens and 15 crew members. The crash occurred on Wednesday night, as the plane was en route to Yerevan, Armenia. The crash occurred on Wednesday night, as the plane was en route to Yerevan, Armenia.

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Financier Madoff starts 150-year jail sentence

BETHESDA, MARYLAND—Bernard Madoff's life of luxury is coming to an end.

He was sentenced to 150 years in prison for his role in the largest Ponzi scheme in history. He was sentenced to 150 years in prison for his role in the largest Ponzi scheme in history.

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N. Korea's Kim Jong-il looks OK in new photos

SEOUL—NORTH KOREA released new photographs of Kim Jong-il Tuesday, showing him looking healthy and smiling. The photos were taken during a recent visit to the United States. The photos were taken during a recent visit to the United States.

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▲ 2011 ▲ 2010 ▲ 2009 ▲ 2008 ▲ 2007

Source: Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

STOCK MARKET



PSE COMPOSITE INDEX

▲ 2011 ▲ 2010 ▲ 2009 ▲ 2008 ▲ 2007

Source: Philippine Stock Exchange

Wall St. rally lifts stocks

SHARE PRICES CLOSED 1.85 PERCENT higher yesterday. Most of the gains were in the blue-chip stocks.

The composite index rose 25.55 points to 1,413.85 after the 100-point rally on Wall Street.

There were 88 gains, 20 losses and 1 unchanged. Volume totaled 2.84 billion shares with P1.5 billion.

July 13, 2011

New monthly record brings 5-mo total to \$6.98B

By **Michelle V. Rana**

REMITTANCES FROM OVERSEAS FILIPINO workers surged to a new record monthly high of \$1.48 billion in May, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas reported yesterday.

Remittances in May were up 3.7 percent from a year ago and brought total inflows to date for the month to \$6.98 billion, up 2.8 percent from the same period last year.

The growth, however, marked a slowdown from the double-digit expansion recorded prior to the global economic recession in 2009.

According to the BSP's official figures, remittances for the whole of 2010 would reach last year's \$18.4 billion, the actual inflows for the first five months came in, however, the BSP said the projection was still conservative.

Last year's \$18.4 billion in remittances were up 13 percent from the level in 2009.

Monetary officials, quoting reports from the labor department, said the continuously growing remittances indicated that the job rate that affected some OFWs working abroad was offset by the increased deployment of Filipinos in domestic labor markets, less affected by the

global economic turmoil.

Officials added that the crisis affected mostly workers from the financial and manufacturing sectors, but many Filipinos were working for services not affected by the crisis, among them healthcare and education.

"The stream of remittances from overseas Filipinos continued to show signs of strength despite lingering global economic fragilities, providing some basis for cautious optimism regarding steady remittance levels for 2011," BSP Governor Ricardo Trillanes Jr. said yesterday.

Remittances are a closely watched economic indicator as they largely influence household consumption, which is a key driver of the domestic economy.

In the first quarter, the remittance grew a modest 0.4 percent, the lowest in 10 years. This was mostly due to the declining remittance in remittance, which rose only 0.8 percent to \$1.48 billion in May, the BSP said.

INVESTMENT



Source: Philippine Stock Exchange

Investors turn upbeat on RP

By **Rhonda C. Duran**

INVESTOR SENTIMENT ON THE PHILIPPINES has turned more upbeat in the second quarter alongside a rising global outlook, but the pace of improvement lagged the pace seen in other Asian emerging markets, the latest quarterly survey by Dutch Bank ABN-Amro said.

Q2's second-quarter Investor Confidence Survey showed a significant 25-point increase in investor sentiment in the Philippines for the second quarter from 89 in Q1.

"This quarter-on-quarter 30 percent improvement indicates investor confidence could move into the green half of the global and local

lower than the overall pan-Asia index. "While all markets had improved, in relative conditions for this quarter, the Philippines is one of the markets that are still in the red zone," it said.

All key investment sentiment indicators for the Philippines improved in the second quarter but at a slower degree than other markets, with the Philippines gaining one of the lowest improvement ratings among the 10 markets.

Commenting on the survey results, BGC Manila Managing Director Cesar Tabata said, "Despite improving market improvement rates, the latest survey findings simply reinforce our belief that the Philippine economy is more stable than most in the region and less affected by global and regional market fluctuations."

INVESTMENT

With the vision of providing banking services to where such facilities are challenged, **GCASH** in cooperation with Globe Telecom, the Rural Bankers Association of the Philippines (RBAP) and Microenterprise Access to Banking Services (MABS), a program supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), builds communities in Nueva Ecija for improved financial services.

GCASH and GM Bank: Building Nueva Ecija's Mobile Phone Banking Community

GCASH is Globe's mobile electronic wallet funding that is offered by its wholly-owned mobile commerce subsidiary, G-Cash Inc. This platform allows cashless and cashless method of facilitating money remittance, donations, loan settlement, disbursement of salaries or commissions, and payment of bills, products and services, with just a few clicks.

GM Bank's close to go branches have been equipped to offer mobile phone banking services (MBS) using the GCASH platform. One MBS product using GCASH is Text-to-Send (TAS). GM Bank pioneered this product to its employees in cash and the success of this pilot was crucial to the full implementation of TAS to all of its bank employees to date.

"Working with GCASH for the past three years has been truly inspiring and exciting. We at GM Bank Bank believe that the commitment of GCASH to help improve banking services in our communities is evident in a fact they take seriously and we are very happy that GCASH shares this vision with GM Bank."

Abelardo Samson
GM Bank Chairman



"GCASH has definitely been a common language in our bank. It has brought us ahead of our competitors and also helped us to be on top of mind with our customers. More importantly, partnering with RBAP-MABS and GCASH has significantly helped us reach the communities we serve where access to financial services are difficult."

Fomas Gomez IV
GM Bank President

GCASH, the top-rated bank in the eye capital of the Philippines and its leadership in the strategic vision and partnership has been recognized over the years bringing it to about P1 billion in assets and more than 100,000 clients. One of their successful business relationships is the RBAP-MABS and GCASH venture.



"Laking tulad ng Text-to-Deposit sa 'kin, Hindi na 'ko napagpipili sa layaway para sa mga bata. Kahit pagmamay-ayon sa mga aklat, nakatapos ako para sa mga aklat." said Patsy Anne Carpio, vice-cash vendor in Nueva Ecija.

Furthermore, GM Bank has built the GCASH community in Nueva Ecija to maximize the use of GCASH and the other MBS services like Text-to-Withdrawal (TWS) and Text-to-Deposit (TAS). By encouraging clients such as restaurants, groceries, perfumers and pharmacies to accept GCASH as payments, bank owners now have easier access to depositing and withdrawing money to their GM Bank account through TAS and TWS, respectively. GM Bank has also increased its clientele by offering GCASH MBS.

a service that makes it easy for beneficiaries to receive their remittances.

With fruitful partnerships like that of GM Bank, GCASH will continue to support rural banks across the country to help provide banking services to hard-to-reach areas. It is part of the company's vision to use the products and services to improve the lives of Filipinos nationwide. Through partnerships with rural banks like GM Bank, GCASH is one step closer to fulfilling that vision.

"GCASH empowers me to pay my allowance to my kids, my school fees, my bills, and my other expenses. It's so easy to use and it's so fast. I love it!" said a young girl.



Gov't, private sector promoting 'Metro Laguna' as new BPO hub

By Rachel R. Gomez

“METRO LAGUNA” is being tapped and promoted by the Commission on Information and Communications Technology (CICIT) and related agencies to be the new business hub where IT and business process outsourcing companies (BPOs) can thrive.

In the recently held “CCT” (Ciber Center “Road Show”) in Santa Rosa, Laguna, CICIT Commissioner Maria Chito Briones said Metro Laguna is ready for the offshore business and business incentives in the form of BPOs is ready to welcome.

Metro Laguna covers the area

from Calamba and surrounding areas of Santa Rosa, Calamba, Los Baños, Calatagan and San Pablo City, as well as the beach capital of the province, Alibon, where a major IT park is being planned as the center where the BPOs and IT companies can rise and operate offices, while neighboring areas can supply the skilled workforce.

South West City Mayor Jesus Abad Jr. said the city has been major IT parks that can house BPOs looking for a new place to grow or relocate.


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already have a lot of clients and are looking for more space, he said.

“We are looking for a new place to grow or relocate,” he said.

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by Prof. Violy Quintana
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World Bank OKs new funding program for RP

By Maribel R. Domingo

THE WORLD BANK HAS ROLLED OUT a new country assistance strategy (CAS) for the Philippines, promising increased funding of up to \$1 billion a year through 2012 to help the country boost economic growth for the benefit of the poor.

The conditional lending of \$200 million in 2012 for the Philippines kicks off as the bank's fiscal year 2012 ended last June 30.

In the previous fiscal year, the bank approved loans totaling at least \$120 million for development programs and projects.

The amount marks a 31 percent increase in total lending compared to the previous fiscal year, with the additional funding aimed at helping the country weather the effects of the global financial crisis.

World Bank lending to fiscal 2009 totaled at the “bank financing” fund of \$200 million and the Global Fund Crisis Response Program (GFCR) fund of \$200 million.

The bank's new CAS is designed to help the country to address poverty and promote good governance.

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Remittances, low rates seen aiding auto firms

By Maribel R. Domingo

THE COUNTRY'S AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY expects a strong start through the year, saying falling interest rates and sustained bank lending will help create a robust demand for vehicles despite tougher financial conditions experienced by some consumers.

The Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines Inc. (CAMPA) said it expects to see an average 2.5 percent drop in volume of vehicle sales in the first half, but said the manufacturers sector is optimistic and stable. The group said it expects a rebound in the second semester that could offset the slow-down in the first half.

“We are looking to see growth for the full year,” said CAMPA president Miguel Lora.

Lora said the main of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas to implement a series of policy rate cuts, helped keep demand for automobiles, to better business climate. Lora said, many households still faced credit in their budgets to pay their vehicles.

He also said that banks offered various promotional rates to attract people to purchase cars. Banks usually give low interest rates while others provide a low down payment scheme for people wanting to finance and buy vehicles.

“We (automotive industry) don't feel concerned in the current difficult situation seen in other sectors, where tightening of credit is adversely affecting our sales,” Lora said. He observed that banks in the Philippines continued to have aggressive lending.



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BUSINESS

DA, UPLB putting up agri theme park

New trend in technology transfer

By Amy B. Nolas

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE and the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) have forged an agreement to construct a theme park that will showcase modern farm technologies and practices as well as veterinary medicine.

Agriculture Secretary Antonio C. Noy said the project, dubbed AgriPark, would adopt a new trend in technology transfer, which uses the "marketing through concepts" of making people appreciate the functional use of veterinary medicine and agriculture.

With this concept as guide, Noy said the park, which will be built on the 600-hectare land there in the UP campus in Diliman, Quezon City, would include recreational facilities and theme gardens.

"Being sector partners in promoting the farmers' welfare and enhancing agriculture education in the country, our department and UPLB have agreed to team up in implementing this AgriPark theme park project with the end in view of making the public better aware of agriculture and helping them appreciate more the functional uses of agriculture and veterinary medicine in their daily lives," he said.

The park will feature interactive displays on agricultural issues, mini-open air theaters, pet shows, technology demonstration activities and dog obedience training.

"The proposed park will also include a visitors' center that will house training and seminar rooms, exhibit areas, offices, and an audio-visual room, restaurant and bars that will serve as venue for high-class events on agriculture issues, a dog obedience center, paved jogging path, and lawn, and open green spaces for family picnics and outings," he explained.

Under the memorandum of agreement, the DA and the UPLB agreed to coordinate the park on the government's animal science program (AgriPark center) and FELDS



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program by "showcasing its components in various theme gardens of the AgriPark." UPLB said the park will feature, among other things, interactive displays on agricultural issues, mini-open air theaters, pet shows, technology demonstration activities and dog obedience training.

Under the agreement, the UPLB through its College of Agriculture and College of Veterinary Medicine, will undertake the public education program component of the project through the establishment of technology demonstration and theme gardens, to will also make use of on-farm demonstration and information dissemination.

In turn, the DA has committed its staff to the UP Los Baños Foundation Inc. (LBF) the necessary funds upon signing of the MOA, monitor the implementation of the project, undertake in developing a theme garden on organic agriculture in the AgriPark and carry out other activities to promote agriculture to students and general public. The DA will improve and maintain old records of UPLB related in the project during and after the implementation of the project.



FIRST TAIWAN JOB FAIR FOR DOWNS

Overseas Filipino workers in Taiwan register for the first Jilapaguanas career fair held by the Manila Economic and Cultural Office (Paco). The event at the Philippine Legation Taipei and Immigration Center in Taipei was supported by Philippine and Taiwanese management agencies. The Jilapaguanas provided OFWs with an efficient way to make contact to learn more about specific careers and industries and speak directly with career experts and recruiters.

Listed firms earned P64B in 1st quarter

LISTED FIRMS POSTED A COMBINED net earnings of P63.81 billion in the first quarter, down by 5 percent from P70.18 billion in the same period last year.

This, according to the Philippine Stock Exchange, was an improvement compared to the 26-percent drop in net earnings posted by these companies for the whole of 2008.

The PSE's data were gathered from the financial statements submitted by 211 of the 224 domestic listed companies. PSE president and chief executive officer Francis Lim said the net earnings of listed firms had suffered from the ongoing financial and economic problems worldwide.

Total revenue of listed firms grew by 1.76 percent to P92.422 billion in the first quarter, from P90.811 billion in the same period last year.

In terms of performance by sector, the decline in the combined net earnings of companies in the indus-

try and oil sector was the steepest at 88.3 percent. This can be attributed to the slump in metal production, lower copper prices, fuel price, exchange losses, and other market-related losses incurred by some of the listing firms.

The 34.5 percent decline in the earnings of companies in the industrial sector was due to the 51.5-percent decrease in the profits of firms under the food, beverage and tobacco subsector.

The combined net income of companies in the property sector fell by 15.7 percent to the absence of one-time gains.

The net income of the services sector grew 2.4 percent, driven by the telecommunications subsector. The increase in the subsector base of Philippine Telephone Corp. and Digital Telecommunications

Philippines Inc. helped listed firms there profit by P791 million and P765 million, respectively. The net in-

come of Globe Telecom Inc. was boosted by the sale of equipment which added P563 million to its revenue during the first quarter of 2009.

Likewise, the financial sector's net income rose by 11.7 percent, mainly due to higher interest income, trading gains and higher foreign exchange gains.

Earnings of the building firms sector soared by 12.8 percent, driven by JGC Holding Inc. which saw increases in the sales volume and selling price of its works and real estate businesses. At finance Global Group Inc.'s revenue from its quick service restaurant chain under the McDonald's brand went up to P2.3 billion from P1.9 billion.

Merchandise and retail sales firms of SM Investments Corp. grew as revenue from new stores and programs increased by P2.3 billion and P778 million, respectively. The net in-

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VILLAVICENCIO

PHOTOGRAPH BY JIMMY

By Rangel Raga-Raya

WHEN VJ Villavicencio took over Sorcerer's Feast in Eastwood City, Lungs, QC, a year ago, he knew exactly what he wanted to do—make it the first 24/7 buffet restaurant in the country.

"Sorcerer's Feast has always been a place where the past meets the present," says Villavicencio, one of the most popular and successful Pinoy hosts. "But I knew it could still get better and bigger."

Before acquiring it, Villavicencio had to study its strengths and weaknesses, and the former host and now the host of the buffet called about the restaurant.

"It's a place with a lot of po-

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SPINACH AND SALMON PIE with brown gravy. PHOTOGRAPH BY JIMMY

Spinach and salmon pie

By Rangel Raga-Raya

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING SPECIAL about pie, especially if they're homemade and easy to make. Typically, pies are made with delicious flavors from the combination of fresh fish and vegetables. Indeed, in the Philippines, pies are made with brown gravy.

It makes good appetizer or main course. The recipe, baby though, is quite simple. It's made with meat, fish, and vegetables.

"This dish is infused with olive oil, which gives it a delicious taste," says Villavicencio, managing director of Raga Raga Inc. (02) 8634 0000 and (02) 8634 0000, a small business owner (SME) from the Philippines. (SME) from the Philippines. (SME) from the Philippines.

"You can make pies with other proteins like chicken, beef, and sausage. It's a versatile dish, and it's easy to make. It's a versatile dish, and it's easy to make. It's a versatile dish, and it's easy to make."



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On the other hand, The Coffee Beanery has Philippine Manag/Anticuchos, Anticuchos, Lachon/Chowchow, Sugar-glazed Tsirano/Maki Cateranai/Barkada Meat, Maki C2 Ocean Terrace and The Coffee Beanery at Summit Ridge Promenade, Aguinaldo Highway, Tagaytay City.

Gourmet cappuccino

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from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on July 5-6. The Bellwether Hotel's Grill of Asia offers US Roasted Rib eye, Baby Back ribs, pork, shrimp and hot dishes, breads and fresh salad and sundae combinations. Call 771-8181.

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BOYZ II Men (l-r): Shawn Rodman, Wanya Morris and Nathan Morris

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By Rickie Concepcion

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Dazzling but dragging

LOS ANGELES — With "Public Enemies" all the pieces would seem to be in place for an eye-popping drama: director Michael Mann, who's done so deftly for complicated criminals; stars Johnny Depp and Christian Bale, who are famous for interesting characters; and a thrilling true story of heaven-bent robbers on the run.

"Double it," *"Public Enemies"* feels rather stagnant. It looks terrific with its period details and excellent, rich production values and striking high-definition cinematography from frequent Mann collaborator Dante Spinotti. Only, like *Gladiator* does, pay off the action and suspense clues and promises late on one throat-slitting show down. But until the final shot, the film maintains a low-key, nearly pace when it should be percolating with incredible suspense.

REVIEW
Public Enemies'
feels
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of "Heat" and "The Insider" but also he was lousy by Dillinger not just as a chilling criminal but as the hero for freedom for regular people, like who blamed the banks for their financial troubles during the Depression. Dillinger rubbed them very tentatively, which led to them like as not of vigilante justice.

But somehow in "Public Enemies" will you find that someone explored or even hinted at in a one-way way. Dillinger is famous here, of course — he's the hero, the No. 1 — but doesn't like even of the public perception, and much more for his mystery. Mann also doesn't really depict the poverty or desperation of the time. Dillinger usually spends time in cars, banks and phone-booths, which adds extra interest. More like a charming guy, something you could see.

Spy and dangerous
Mann's characters like, often than presenting a romantic picture including either without or without might have instead inside him and drive him. This is the answer the script with Thomas (Bale) and Alvin (Depp), based on your own three (Bale) look.

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Working with George Takei in a new musical

SO I SENT OUT A TWITTER and Facebook status update that read, "It's at Takei's house. On about, guys, start tweeting."

It was pretty much being used as a rock for the last 30 years or so, I was referring to George Takei who played 15. When Takei is the "original" Star Trek series and several of the spacefaring movies. Now he's more popular as *Star Trek: Voyager* (aka *Star Trek: Voyager*)'s father in the last series "Voyager."

George is an incredibly charming guy, and now I have a wonderful opportunity to work with him in creating a new musical called "Star Trek: Voyager."

Real-life experience
"Voyager" is the story of a Japanese-American family against the backdrop of Japanese internment in World War II. The family lives in Hawaii. Takei's family has received the honorable status that they will have to be moved to Hawaii. Takei's family (aka *Star Trek: Voyager*)'s father in the last series "Voyager."

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GEORGE Takei

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